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**VIA EFILE**

The Honorable Judge David Ezra  
Senior U.S. District Judge  
Western District of Texas  
San Antonio Division  
655 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.  
San Antonio, TX 78206

Re: *Brothers Enterprises, Inc. v. Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company*;  
United States District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division;  
Civil Action No. SA:17-cv-01163-DAE

Dear Judge Ezra,

In response to your request for a status report in this case, please be advised that currently the parties are engaging in informal settlement negotiations, which they believe will result in a settlement of this matter without the necessity of a formal mediation.

The parties are hopeful that this settlement will be reached within the next thirty (30) days and are actively pursuing this route. No other action needs to be taken in this matter at present.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Pate", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Stephen P. Pate

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cc: Courtney Potter, Counsel for Brothers Enterprises